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**REQUEST  
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<i>Application Number</i>	09/678,413
<i>Filing Date</i>	10/02/00
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Eduardo J. Baralt
<i>Art Unit</i>	1764
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Tam M. Nguyen
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	09/678413US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
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R64IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
**Eduardo J. Baralt & Russell Bak**

Serial No.: **09/678,413**

Filed: **October 2, 2000**

For: **Oligomerization of Alpha Olefins  
In the Presence of Carboxylic  
Acids**

Group Art Unit: **1764**

Examiner: **T. Nguyen**

Attorney Docket: **09/678,413US**

RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION  
MAILED JULY 16, 2002

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Advisory Action mailed July 16, 2002, which was responsive to the Applicants' Amendment After Final mailed May 9, 2002, which was responsive to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed April 26, 2002.

CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-9.

Please add the following new claims 10-18.

10. (New) An improved oligomerization process for the oligomerization of an alpha olefin, said process comprises:  
charging to an oligomerization reaction zone an oligomerization feed mixture comprising said alpha olefin;